

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON**, on February 10, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 104 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bruce Simon, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bob Pavlovich, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Paul Sliter, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Joe Barnett (R)
Rep. Rod Bitney (R)
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)
Rep. Roy Brown (R)
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)
Rep. Bob Lawson (R)
Rep. Gay Ann Masolo (R)
Rep. Gary Matthews (D)
Rep. Joe McKenney (R)
Rep. Carolyn Squires (D)
Rep. Jay Stovall (R)
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)
Rep. Carley Tuss (D)

Members Excused: Rep. David Ewer (D)
Rep. Carol C. Juneau (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Stephen Maly, Legislative Branch
Pati O'Reilly, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 501, HB 507, HB 512, HB
514, HB 521, 2/8/1999
Executive Action: HB 507, HB 512, HB 501, HB 461

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 507

Motion/Vote: REP. LAWSON moved that HB 507 BE TABLED. Motion carried unanimously.

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HEARING ON HB 501

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Ohs, HD 33 introduced HB 501.

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Proponents' Testimony: Charles Brooks, City of Billings Chamber of Commerce

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 100 - 148}

Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Assn.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 148 - 180}

Gail Abercrombie, Montana Petroleum Assn.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 180 - 206}

Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 206 - 220}

Carl Schweitzer, Bozeman and Kalispell Chamber of Commerce.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 220 - 238}

Rep. Paul Sliter, HD 76.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 238 - 256}

Opponents' Testimony: John Knowles, Dept of Health and Human Services

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 256 - 292}

Larry Fasbender, Deputy Director Dept of Justice.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 292 - 352}

Don Judge, AFL-CIO

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 352 - 416}

Mike Batista, Dept. of Justice.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 416 - 461}

Ellen Engsted, Human Res. Development Council.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 461 - 487}

Sandy Olsen, Association for Gifted and Talented Education

EXHIBIT(buh33a01)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 487 - 500}

Informational Witnesses:

Madeline Quinlon, Office of Public Instruction.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 26}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: Reps. Bookout, Bitney, Krenzler, Sliter, Nelson , Tuss and Simon question witnesses.

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Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Ohs closed HB 501. **EXHIBIT**(buh33a02)

EXHIBIT(buh33a03)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 350 - 400}

HEARING ON HB 514

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Somerville, HD 78 introduced HB 514.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 400 - 412}

Proponents' Testimony: Carl Schweitzer, Sub Contractors Assn.

EXHIBIT(buh33a04) **EXHIBIT**(buh33a05) **EXHIBIT**(buh33a06)

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Opponents' Testimony: Mike Foster, Montana Contractors Assn.

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Ed Maronick, Helena Sand and Gravel.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 163 - 186}

Carl Bunchbaugh, Dick Anderson Const.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 186 - 227}

Frank Cadby, Montana Bankers Assn.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 227 - 240}

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: Reps. Tuss, Bitney and Simon questions witnesses.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 240 - 341}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Somerville closed HB 514.
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 341 - 400}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 501

Motion/Vote: REP. SLITER moved that HB 501 DO PASS. Motion carried 12-5 with Juneau, Krenzler, Matthews, Squires, and Tuss voting no.
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 400 - 500}

HEARING ON HB 521

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Vick, HD 31 introduced HB 521.
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 108}

Proponents' Testimony: Susan Good, Americans for Tax Reform
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 108 - 161}

Sid Hughes, Glasgow Burlington Northern Union Member.
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 161 - 258}

Curt Hughes, Engineer for Montana Rail Link, Laurel, MT
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 258 - 333}

Opponents' Testimony: Don Judge, AFL-CIO **EXHIBIT**(buh33a07)
EXHIBIT(buh33a08)
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 333 - 500}
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Lance Melton, Montana School Board Assn. **EXHIBIT**(buh33a09)
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 51 - 102}

Fran Marceau, United Transportation Union.
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 102 - 136}

Tom Snyder, Montana Public Employees Assn.
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 136 - 169}

Craig Gilcrest, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 169 - 182}

Ed Logan, Billings P.A.C.E
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 182 - 192}

Joe Dyer, Teamsters Member

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 192 - 200}

Eric Feavor, MEA **EXHIBIT**(buh33a10)

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 200 - 238}

Pat Clinch, Montana Council of Firefighters.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 238 - 245}

Jerry Driscoll, Montana Trades Council

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 245 - 260}

Loren Fraser, School Administrators.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 260 - 271}

Don Waldron, Montana Rural Education Assn.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 271 - 280}

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Vick closed HB 521. **EXHIBIT**(buh33a11)

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 280 - 367}

HEARING ON HB 512

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Soft, HD 12 introduced HB 512.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 367 - 379}

Proponents' Testimony: Jean Cassidy, Montana Addiction Service Providers.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 379 - 380}

Chuck Butler, Blue Cross, Blue Shield

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 380 - 417}

Tom Ebzery, Yellowstone County Health Plan

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 417 - 466}

Rod Robinson, Gateway Recovery

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 466 - 500}

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Candace Payne, Rimrock Foundation **EXHIBIT**(buh33a12)

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 34 - 52}

Page Dringman, Montana Ins. of America

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 52 - 59}

Claudia Clifford, State Auditor's Office

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 59 - 65}

Sami Butler, Montana Nurses Assn.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 65 - 69}

Mona Jamison, Montana Institutions (24)

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 69 - 99}

Opponents' Testimony: Don Allen, Montana Medical Benefit Plan

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 99 - 123}

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Soft closed HB 512.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 123 - 134}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 461

Motion: REP. SIMON moved that HB 461 DO PASS. **EXHIBIT**(buh33a13)

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 134 - 140}

Motion/Vote: REP. SIMON moved that HB 461 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 140 - 254}

Motion/Vote: REP. SIMON moved that HB 461 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 17-1 with Bitney voting no.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 254 - 300}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 512

Motion/Vote: REP. PAVLOVICH moved that HB 512 DO PASS. Motion carried 15-3 with Bitney, Lawson, and Sliter voting no.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 300 - 323}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 364

Motion: REP. KRENZLER moved that HB 364 DO PASS.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 323 - 330}

Motion/Vote: REP. SQUIRES moved that HB 364 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously. **EXHIBIT** (buh33a14)

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 330 - 361}

Motion/Vote: REP. SQUIRES moved that HB 364 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion failed 9-9 with Bitney, Brown, Lawson, Masolo, McKenney, Simon, Sliter, Stovall, and Trexler voting no.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 361 - 428}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 395

Motion/Vote: REP. SQUIRES moved that HB 395 DO PASS. Motion failed 9-9 with Barnett, Bitney, Brown, Lawson, Masolo, McKenney, Sliter, Stovall, and Trexler voting no.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 428 - 500}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 521

Motion/Vote: REP. SQUIRES moved that HB 521 BE TABLED. Motion failed 9-9 with Ewer, Juneau, Krenzler, Lawson, Matthews, Pavlovich, Simon, Squires, and Tuss voting aye.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:14 A.M.

REP. BRUCE SIMON, Chairman

PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (buh33aad)